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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a prohibition on certain collaborations with
2 Stanford university and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS — PROHIBITIONS.

2 1. The general assembly finds all of the following:

3 a. That Leland Stanford junior university marching band's
4 performance during the 2016 rose bowl football game halftime
5 offended Iowa's citizens in general and university of Iowa fans
6 in particular.

7 b. That Stanford university otherwise banned the marching
8 band from traveling with any Stanford athletic team to perform
9 at away athletic events during the 2015-2016 academic year,
10 including postseason games, after officials found incidents of
11 alcohol and drug use, hazing, and sexual harassment.

12 c. That Stanford university officials displayed a lack of
13 judgment in authorizing the marching band's performance during
14 the 2016 rose bowl game.

15 2. The state board of regents shall prohibit any future
16 collaboration or cooperation between the institutions of
17 higher learning governed by the board and Stanford university,
18 excluding sporting events, until Stanford university officials
19 publicly apologize to Iowa's citizens and to the university of
20 Iowa for the unsporting behavior of the Leland Stanford junior
21 university marching band.

22 3. Collaborations and contracts in effect on or before the
23 effective date of this Act, between any institution of higher
24 learning governed by the state board of regents and Stanford
25 university are exempt from the requirements of subsection 2.

26 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
27 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill establishes legislative findings relating to
32 Stanford university and its marching band, and prohibits
33 certain future collaboration and cooperation between Stanford
34 university and the universities governed by the state board of
35 regents.

1 The general assembly finds that the Stanford marching
2 band's performance during the 2016 rose bowl football game
3 halftime offended Iowa's citizens in general and university
4 of Iowa fans in particular. Stanford university otherwise
5 banned the marching band from traveling with any Stanford
6 athletic team to perform at away athletic events during the
7 2015-2016 academic year, including postseason games, after
8 officials found incidents of alcohol and drug use, hazing, and
9 sexual harassment. Therefore, Stanford university officials
10 displayed a lack of judgment in authorizing the marching band's
11 performance during the 2016 rose bowl game.

12 The bill requires the board of regents to prohibit any future
13 collaboration or cooperation between its universities and
14 Stanford university, excluding sporting events, until Stanford
15 university officials publicly apologize to Iowa's citizens
16 and to the university of Iowa for the unsporting behavior of
17 Stanford's marching band. Collaborations and contracts in
18 effect on or before the effective date of the bill, are exempt
19 from the prohibition.

20 The bill takes effect upon enactment.